with the Maldives, a friendly neighbouring country. Government have assisted the Government of Maldives under its bilateral technical assistance programme. Such cooperation has included the construction of a general hospital as well as of a technical institute in the Maldives. Government also assists the Maldives in its efforts at human resource development in a variety of fields including health, education and technical training. During the visit of the President of Maldives to India from June 30-July 1, 1998, the growth of bilateral economic cooperation was among the subjects reviewed.

Wasteful expenditure in Indian Missions

4037. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that wasteful expenditure in various Indian diplomatic missions abroad are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any plan to check wasteful expenditure in such Indian missions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (c) Utmost attention is given to avoiding any excessive or wasteful expenditure in Indian diplomatic Missions abroad. Detailed and specific instructions have been issued to our Embassies abroad to identify areas where strick control could effectively curtail expenditure without compromising efficiency in the working of the Mission/Posts. The Proposals and expenditure figures received from Missions are carefully examined and in critical areas where there remains a tendency for the expenditure to increase have been identified and the expenditure figures in respect thereto are regularly monitored and corrective measures taken from time to time. The expenditure is subjected to post-audit by the Office of the Chief Controller of Account and is also subject to statutory audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

These measures have been generally successful in achieving the objectives and effective in controlling the expenditure. This is, however, an ongoing exercise.

प्रधान मंत्री की अमरीकी राष्ट्रपति और पाकिस्तान के प्रधानमंत्री के साथ बातचीत

4038. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा हाल ही में अमरीकी राष्ट्रपति और पाकिस्तान के प्रधान मंत्री के साथ सरकारी तौर पर हुई बातचीत के विशेष परिणाम क्या रहे;

(ख) उक्त बातचीत के दौरान कौन-कौन से द्विपक्षीय मुद्दों पर बातचीत की गई थी और क्या उन्होंने कश्मीर पर भारत के रुख के बारे में दोनों राष्ट्राध्यक्षों को अवगत कराया है;

(ग) कश्मीर पर इन राष्ट्राध्यक्षों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया रही है; और

(घ) किन-किन क्षेत्रों में द्विपक्षीय समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे): (क) प्रधान मंत्री ने हाल ही में अमरीका के राष्ट्रपति अथवा पाकिस्तान के प्रधान मंत्री से कोई सरकारी बातचीत नहीं की है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Issue of Multi-Purpose Cards to Indians Abroad

4039. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether identity and multi-purpose cards are proposed to be issued to Indians abroad; if so, the benefits that would accrue to the holders of the card; and

(b) the conditions of eligibility for issue of such cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will the placed on the Table of the House.

Detainees at Myanmar Jail

4040. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether (i) S. Gandhi Singh, (ii) T.H. Mani Singh, (iii) K.H. Mani Singh, (iv) Yang Khoyan Baite, detainees at the Myanmar jail arrested on 24.4.1995 by the Myanmar police at the border gate No. 2, namphalong are still alive;

(b) whether Government have contacted the Myanmar Government about their arrest;

(c) whether the Myanmar Government has completed its trial; and

(d) by when they would be released from Myanmar jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Government have received reports that four Indian nationals, namely S.H. Gandhi Singh @ Saranghem Yaima, s/o Kalar, T.H. Mani Singh and Ram Kho NGun were arrested on 24.4.96 in Myanmar for violating the Myanmar Narcotics Act and that these individuals are undergoing their sentences in Mandalay Jail. Government are not aware of any reports on the arrest of Yang Khoyan Baite of Moreh.

(b) Yes Sir,

(c) and (d) These individuals were sentenced to 70 years imprisonment each for violating the Myanmar Narcotics Act. Two of the group, T.H. Mani and Ram Kho NGun were given six months aditional imprisonment for illegal entry into Myanmar.

Extradition Treaty with Dubai

4041. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have concluded an extradition treaty with Dubai;

(b) if not, by when it would be concluded; and

(c) whether any accused has been extradited under the treaty, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The requisite formalities preparatory to concluding an Extradition Treaty between India and the United Arab Emirates have already been completed by Government and the Treaty could be signed at the earliest mutually convenient opportunity.

(c) Does not yet arise.

Macedonian Proposal for Opening Honorary Consulate General Office in India

4042. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the specific reasons for keeping the Macedonian proposal of 5th April, 1995 pending for the opening the Honorary Consulate General Office in India despite all the diplomatic issues were resolve when India Ambassador presented his credentials in September, 1996;

(b) whether Government propose to clear the aforesaid pending diplomatic issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to resolve other pending issues, if any, with Macedonia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (d) There are still certain diplomatic issues which need to be resolved before Government of India can think in terms of permitting the Government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open an Honorary Consulate General in India.

Civil Disturbances in Indonesia

4043. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian families who have been affected because of the civil disturbances in Indonesia in the recent period;

(b) whether there has been any loss of life of Indian cititzens becuase of the disturbances;

(c) whether any valuation is availble of the monetary loss suffered by the Indian community as a whole; and

(d)whether Indonesian authorities have been formally approached for any reparation in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) to (c) According to Government's information, no Indian citizen was physically harmed or his property damaged during the disturbances in Indonesia in mid-May 1998. A few instances of properties of Indonesian nationals of Indian origin being damaged have been reported but no estimate of monetary loss suffered by them is available.

(d) Does not arise.